

REMARKS

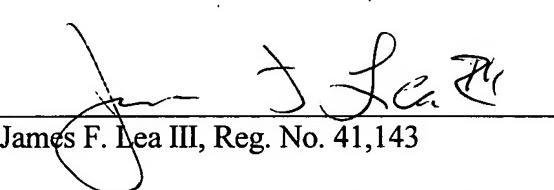
Claims 1-55 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 5-10, 17, 22, 25-34, 37 and 41-46 are withdrawn herein. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11-16, 18-21, 23, 24, 35, 36, 38-40 and 47-55 remain for prosecution on the merits.

Species IV (FIG. 13) is elected for prosecution on the merits.

This paper is intended to constitute a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Please contact the undersigned if it appears that a portion of this response is missing or if there remain any additional matters to resolve. If the Examiner feels that processing of the application can be expedited in any respect by a personal conference, please consider this an invitation to contact the undersigned by phone.

Respectfully submitted,

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